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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: June 7, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XI: Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2569-005-026 in Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2499 and acceptance of public and private funds for said acquisition, Blanchard Canyon area, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acquisition of APN 2569-005-026 in Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2499 and the acceptance of public and private funds for said acquisition, in the Blanchard Canyon area of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) commonly enters into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties.. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

The County has provided an Agreement to sign. Chapter 8 Agreement Number 2499 contains 1 parcel totaling 0.06 acres in the City of Los Angeles. In order for the County Treasurer and Tax Collector to finalize these agreements, the MRCA must provide a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the parcels.

Agreement Number 2499

APN	Acreage	Location	Price
2569-005-026	0.06	Blanchard Canyon	\$2,625

The table above details the parcel, its size, general location, and current cost to the MRCA. The cost estimate is projected through April 2006. Unfortunately, the cost

of the parcels increases substantially every year as penalties and back taxes increase. That rate of increase is approximately 1.5 percent per month. An attached aerial photograph shows the parcel boundaries.

The MRCA has acquired at least four other parcels in the Blanchard Canyon/ Sister Elsie area via a tax sale in the past two years. The subject parcel is close to the Angeles National Forest, includes both oak woodland and riparian habitat, and could one day provide an important trail linkage between Blanchard Canyon Road and the Angeles National Forest.